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TELEPHONE UPGRADATION WORK
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the upgradation work in rural telephone sector in the country, especially in Maharashtra has been done by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(c) the benefits likely to be accrued in the rural sectors due to systems adopted under upgradation work in rural telephone sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The details of upgradation work done in rural telephone sector in the country and Maharashtra by BSNL during the last three years are given in the Annexure.

(c) The benefits that are likely to accrue to the rural areas are as under:-

(i) Availability of new features/ services/facilities at par with urban areas.

(ii) Better monitoring for maintenance and facility creation.

(iii) Access to mobile network with better coverage and signal strength

(iv) Access to internet

(v) More coverage of rural areas for basic telephony